

Prior law provided that the Dept. of Health and Human Resources shall provide for hearings as prescribed under Title I, IV-A, X, XIV, XVI, XIX, or XX of the Social Security Act and Public Law 91-671 of the Food Stamp Act, to any person who requests a hearing due to denial or unreasonable delay in a claim for assistance, services, or food stamps, or due to suspension, reduction, or termination of benefits.

New law changes reference from the Dept. of Health and Human Resources to the Dept. of Social Services and the Dept. of Health and Hospitals.

Prior law further provided that a state level hearing shall be granted to any child caring agency, day care center, or provider under Titles XIX and XX of the Social Security Act, who is aggrieved by an agency action resulting in the denial, suspension, or revocation of a license or the refusal to enter into, suspension or termination of a service agreement.

New law deletes references to "child caring agencies or providers of services under the provisions of Titles XIX and XX of the Social Security Act", as entities which may be granted opportunity for a hearing, and provides instead that child placing agencies or day care centers are entitled to a hearing by the Dept. of Social Services.

New law deletes references to "the refusal to enter into, suspension, or termination of a service agreement", as viable grounds pursuant to which the named entities may be granted opportunity for a hearing.

New law provides that an opportunity for a hearing shall also be granted by the Dept. of Health and Hospitals to any provider of services under Titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act who is aggrieved by agency action resulting in denial, suspension, or revocation of a license or refusal to enter into, suspension, or termination of a service agreement.

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